Reports on Rajiv Gandhi Murder Inquiry

1208. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the "Hindu" of 23rd October, and "The Statesman" of 19th October, 1994 regarding reports on Rajiv Murder Inquiry and attempt on Rajiv's life on 2nd October, 1986;

(b) what are the reasons that the 1986 case has not yet been solved; and

(c) what is the Action Taken Report on Justice Verma Commission Report on Rajiv assassination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigation of the case has already been completed and the case is under trial. Based on the findings of the Enquiry Committee constituted to enquire into the security lapses at Rajghat on 2-10-1986, departmental against police officers indicated by the Committee was initiated.. Severe warning has been administered to all the said officers.

(c) The Report of the Verma Commission of Inquiry alongwith memorandum of action taken thereon was placed before Parliament on 23-12-1992. The question of taking action against officers of the Central Government/State Government responsible for lapses is receiving the active attention of the Government.

Permission to launch Prosecution against 1984 riots

1209. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Ministry have given permission to launch prosecution proceedings against the persons involved in 1984 riots;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Action against persons accused of committing offences in 1984 riots has been initiated on the basis of allegations levelled against them. Prosecution sanction of the competent authority is/has been granted wherever necessary, after completion of the investigation.

Traffic control in Connaught Circus

1210. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traffic congestion has increased considerably in the outer circle of Connaught Circus particularly after the introduction of ban on movement of traffic in the middle as well as inner circle there;

(b) what steps Government are contemplating to ease the congestion;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Traders Association in the area had protested against the ban on movement of traffic in the middle and inner circles and thereafter a Committee had been appointed to look into the matter;

(d) whether the Committee in question has submitted its report; if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(e) whether Government are contemplating any proposal to restore the status quo ante regarding movement of traffic in the middle and inner circles of the Connaught Circus, with a view to ease the congestion in the outer circle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present traffic circulation scheme in the Connaught Place area particularly Connaught Circus is working satisfactorily.

(c) Yes, Sir.